

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 752

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LCO No. **3417**



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING AND VAPING ON BEACHES IN STATE PARKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) No person shall engage in
- 2 the act of smoking on any beach located in a state park.
- 3 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
- 4 enforce the provisions of this section and issue a warning for any first
- 5 violation of the provisions of this section and establish a fine for any
- 6 second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this section.
- 7 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the alteration of
- 8 any sign located in a state park. Notice of the prohibition contained in
- 9 this section shall be posted on the Internet web site of the Department
- of Energy and Environmental Protection and shall be conveyed by any
- 11 applicable park attendant to a patron upon such patron's entry to such
- 12 park.
- 13 (c) For purposes of this section, "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling,
- 14 burning, carrying or otherwise possessing any lighted cigarette, cigar,

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- 15 pipe or any other object or device of any form that contains lighted
- 16 tobacco or any other smoking product including any electronic
- 17 nicotine delivery system and vapor product.

This act shal sections:	l take effect as follow	s and shall amend the following
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit smoking and vaping on beaches in state parks.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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